

Remarks

Applicant has carefully reviewed the Office Action dated June 29, 2004.

Response to the Office Action, claims 1, 13, 14, 17, 27, 28, 31 and 32 have been amended. Claims 1-32 remain pending in the application.

Claims 1-4, 7-13, 15-19, 22, 23-27, 29, 30 and 32 were rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ford in view of Roman. Ford discloses a multi-purpose cleaning tool having a squeezable fluid dispenser in its handle and a brush including bristles which remain stationary relative to the tool during use. Roman discloses a washing brush having rotary bristles powered by a hydraulic motor.

Unlike Ford and/or Roman, applicant's invention has recited independent, amended claims 1, 17 and 32 include a conduit for delivering water to the brush head, and an actuatable dispenser configured to deliver a cleaning agent to the brush head assembly by telescopically shortening the handle from a first position to a second position. This allows cleaning agent and water to be separately delivered to the brush head. Thus, if more or less cleaning fluid is desired, relative to the amount of water being delivered, the user can telescopically shorten the handle at a faster or slower rate.

In view of the foregoing, applicant respectfully submits that claims 1, 17 and 32 are patentable and in condition for allowance. Because dependent claims 2-4, 7-13, 15-16, 18-19, 22-27 and 30 add additional significant elements, these claims are likewise patentable and in condition for allowance.

Claims 1, 5, 6, 8-13, 15-17, 19-21, 25-27, 29, 30 and 32 were rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ford in view of Armbruster. Armbruster discloses a DC powered scrubber including a DC motor driven sponge. For the reasons

given above with respect to Ford and Roman, applicant respectfully submits that independent claims 1, 17 and 32 are patentable and allowable over Ford in view of Armbruster. Likewise, dependent claims 5, 6, 8-13, 15-16, 19-21, 25-27, 29 and 30 because they include additional significant elements are patentable and allowable over Ford in view of Armbruster.

Claims 14, 28 and 31 were rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ford in view of Armbruster as applied to claims 1 and 17 above, and further in view of Fromm. Fromm discloses a car washing aid. For the reasons given above with respect to independent claims 1, 17 and 32, claim 31 is respectfully submitted to be patentable and allowable over Ford in view of Armbruster and further in view of Fromm.

Dependent claims 14 and 28 because they include additional significant elements are also respectfully submitted to be patentable and allowable over Ford in view of Armbruster and further in view of Fromm.

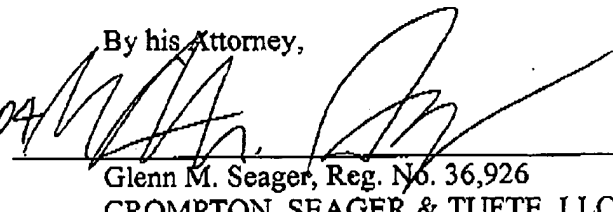
Reexamination and reconsideration are respectfully requested. It is respectfully submitted that the claims are now in condition for allowance, issuance of a Notice of Allowance in due course is requested. If a telephone conference might be of assistance, please contact the undersigned attorney at (612) 677-9050.

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